

News Update

Italy

A new, old country

In May Nathan, (from short term missions) and I travelled to Southern Italy to explore some potential project development with leaders and churches in the Taranto, Bari and Brindisi region.

The main emphasis was to see if there was some possibility of sending short term missions teams in to those areas initially with the eventual possibility that a leadership development and church planting project would follow in the future. Our first task was to develop relationship with and gain an understanding as to what sort of people they were. Did they have a progressive outlook were they faith people, what are some of the chal-

lenges and benefits to working in these areas?

Many times we meet great people who are locked into old ways of thinking and doing, so it was pleasantly surprising to find young inspired, progressive leaders who were eager to see their communities im-



Ps. Piero and Scott

proved in greater ways through partnership. The first thing we noticed about the Italians was their hospitality and sincerity, they welcomed us openly and after some direct question-

ing they soon realised we were more interested in getting to know them first before any talk of project or partnership was to be discussed. This allowed us to find out if the legendary almost mythical tales of eating and feasting that we had heard about and were about to partake in over the next 6 days were true.

I have personally never eaten so much in my life, I don't know how they do it but they manage to eat lots of food and stay fairly trim. By the end of our stay we were both fearing the next meals!

Over the course of the trip we met with leaders, spoke in the largest church in the area and saw many folk respond to the message and begin the journey of faith. Walked through the towns looking at potential

Support Update

We are feeling totally blessed by the favour of God as we continue to fulfil the calling on our lives.

There are always challenges, but we are able to say, God is faithful, we still need to increase our support, we do know that God is the source

of all our needs so we continue to look to Him .

Again we would like to thank you for your continued support and prayers, we do value and deeply appreciate your commitment to partner with us in this excellent mission to see a new generation of leaders developed, new

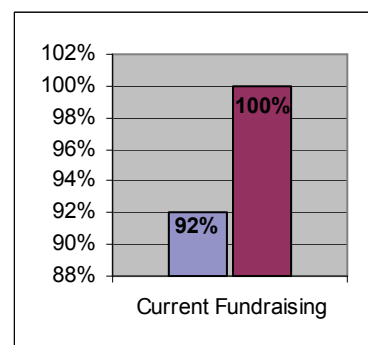
churches planted where none are and to release 100's of short term missionaries each year in to Europe.

Please continue to pray for us, we do value your love and support.

Scott & Lynda

Prayer Requests:

- Asha's health to continue to improve
- Support that was lost to be replaced
- Increase our current level of support
- Good health and safety while traveling



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Italy cont...



The Italian's ... and an Aussie

venues for teams to perform and interact with the community. This part of Italy is

financially depressed and unemployment is very high. Many young people are forced to find work away from families and friends and find this very difficult. Drugs are readily available and crime is evident with seemingly few options for the young unemployed who remain in these towns. It's to this environment that NLI is wanting to see iTeams come and minister. There will be information on the various trips available next year, on the NLI website soon.

If you are thinking of going on a short term missions trip to Southern Italy next year, my advice to you is eat sparingly before the trip otherwise you may not

survive the hospitality, but be prepared to minister in an environment of openness and responsiveness to the gospel.

Short term missions trips are vitally important in the strategy of NLI and the success of our projects, they connect people together in such a unique way

Italy is just one of 4 Western European countries we are continuing to work in, the others being Spain, France and Austria. Teams will be going into these countries as well as into Central and Eastern Europe in 2007.

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Thomson Family Update

We have been enjoying the warm weather here in the UK and have enjoyed seeing the sun.

Scott has been working here in the UK much more the past few months except for a brief trip into Italy. He is busy with the international office going to an online management program that has given everyone in the organization access via the web to the database, calendars and accounting, boring stuff but absolutely vital to helping the organization move forward.

Scott, Lynda and Daniel were able to take some holidays this month, so they headed over to Switzerland to visit friends who live in a picturesque little village on Lake Geneva, their view every morning of the lake and the French Alps is magnificent and they felt like they are so privileged just to be there for a short time. It was worth the hour long traffic jam on the M1 and the delayed flights there and back to get to spend a few days in that sort of peace and



Lynda, Scott, Asha & Daniel

quiet.

Lynda has a new manager at the bank and has found the workplace to be much better. This is an answer to prayer.

Asha is trying to get a shop to rent so she can expand her business and bring other hairdressers in to work for her. She has been diagnosed with having a form of viral

glandular fever, which she had when she was 9. Please pray that she fully recovers and that it leaves her system completely.

Daniel is playing at the Kings youth camp for a week this month and will be teaching a workshop on guitar while there. He is back for a week and then heads off to Audacious (think Planetshakers) is home for 2 weeks and then heads out to Romania for 10 days to participate on a short term missions trip. Then he gets straight back in to college for the second year.

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— Blessings from the Thomson's
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